RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1896.

HAD HEART DISEASE. Dr. C. W. P. Brock was called to attend him, and he at once called Dr. George Ben. Johnston in consultation. It was deemed inadvisable by the phy-

HON. WM. LOVENSTEIN DIES AT HIS HOME IN THIS CITY.

HAD LONG BEEN IN FOOR HEALTH.

oldest Member of the General Assembly in Continuous Service-Held Other Responsible Positions-Bis Family-Funeral Arrangements

Hon. William Lovenstein, member of the State Senate from Richmond city, ex-cashier of the Richmond Pertual Building and Loan Association, d very suddenly at his residence, No.

Though he had been an III man for a th was quite a shock to his family. was sitting in a cheerful little room the rear part of his house, when he the spell come upon him. He made an rt to get to a bed, but fell upon the r and expired immediately.

H. H. Levy, the family physician, summoned, and responded at once. soon as he looked at the prostrate he said that heart-disease was the

Mr. Lovenstein was known for some me to have valvulas heart-disease. his was attended by the usual com-

FAILING HEALTH TWO YEARS. Lovenstein was in falling health we years or longer. He had quite were spell of filness during the last ore spell of liness during the winter of the Legislature, in the winter 6-2d, and immediately after resignate office as cashier of the Rich-Perpetual Building and Loan Assuon, about ten months ago, he ton, about ten months ago, he to Savannah, Ga., where he spent an when he went away. Then, cooker, he took an extended trip with the same result. Since he back home he had kept to his almost all of the time, though he able at times to go about some little, funeral of Mr. Levenstein will place from his residence at noon orrow. The services will be consed by Rev. Dr. E. N. Calisch, rabbi-leth Ahnba Synagogue, and the intent will be at the lichrew Cemetery. ment will be at the Hestew Cemetary,
he following gentlemen will act as
bearers: Messrs. John E. Hankins,
he Whitlock, E. D. Starke, M. J.
sus, S. L. Bloemberg, L. J. Wittle,
he L. Levy, William Holzapfel, and
her F. Irvine, of Norfolk.

HIS FAMILY CONNECTIONS.

ofr. Lovenstein leaves a wife; one sen, S. Vance Lovenstein, and seven univers—Mrs. Julia M. Solomons, of cannah, Ga.; Mrs. Samuel D. Lit, of diadelphia; and Misses Flora, Hattle, ells, Miriam, and Dita Lovenstein, of also leaves two brothers and seve-

use of Richmond; and Joseph Loven-da, of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. L. Was-man, of Philadelphia; Mrs. S. V. Lau-per, of New York, Mrs. F. E. Harrisa Ceveland, O.; and Miss Bertha M.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

e deceased was 56 years of age, ag been born in Henrico county, at t was known as "Laurel," on October 100. He spend his whole life in the ity and in this city. He made an and useful representative of sie in the legislative halls, and onspicuous figure in many secret tions. Mr. Lavantation mmon schools of Hearico county time, and then went to school at demy in New York. He entered isted with the Richmond Light In-Blues at the breaking out of r, and remained in active service r, and remained in active service the Medical Department of th

Lovenstein's first political experiwas in 1869, when he was so member of the City Demo tice, and he took an active in in the memorable contest, which the city under Democratic mangates from Richmond and Henricocity and county being placed in one
ict by the Underwood Constitution.
colleagues in the House then were:
d. Kelley, Augustine Bodeker, James
Frayser. Stephen Mason, John B.
shaw, Dr. George K. Gilmer, and
b S. Atlee; while the representatives
the Senate were Hons, Alfred R.
tany, Norman Smith, and Charles
bell, the last-named having been
mated in place of the lamented
as R. Branch, who lost his life, acticity, at a Democratic barbecue.

AS SURCTED TO THE SENATE. VAS ELECTED TO THE SENATE.

ter serving ten years in the House, Lovenstein was elected to the State, ite where he would have served six-years had he lived till the expira-of his present term, next fall. He esented the people of Richmond or than any other man in the city's cry, and it is doubtful whether any y, and it is doubtful whether any person ever remained in the Le-ure for so long a time. He en-the Senate under Readjuster rule, was a member during the long and is session of 1881-82, with the big " and was one of the first Demosenators appointed as chairman the Democrats acquired the con

the Senate, Mr. Lovenstein was inter charman of the Committee on the Institutions, which position he had ever since. He also served on the mittee on Roads. Mr. Lovenstein is his long career as a law-maker the patron of many important laws he interest of his immediate con-nate and the State at large. In 1884 uister rule, and in that year was is a member of the City School, which place he held until he re-about eight months ago. He was versed in parliamentary usage, and last session of the Legislature was

he last session of the Legislature was led President pro tem. of the Senate, seeding Hon. John L. Hurt. ceased was an ardent and zealous for among the secret orders, and held high offices in some of them. oy high offices in some of them. He a past master of Friendship Lodge, 53, A. P. and A. M.; grand secretary the Royal Arcanum for the State, of cinia, and a member of the Virginia neil. He was a member of the Henphs, Knights of Honor, American Leaf Morar and many other granulzaand many other organiza-

CAPTAIN EPPS STRICKEN DOWN. City Sergeant Taken Suddenly

Ill at His Home. ty-Sergeant Charles H. Epps, who has indisposed for some weeks, was ten down at his home, corner of Mar-and Adams streets, yesterday after-with a severe attack of kidney colic. titall and Adams streets, yesterday afterson with a severe attack of kidney colic.
He was walking across the floor of his
library when stricken, and fell. His fall
was broken by members of his family.

The caught him ere he struck the floor.

4,179,875 bales, of which 2,82,775 are American, against 4,092,314 and 3,717,114 bales,
respectively, last year.

Receipts of cotton this week, at all interior towns, 165,679 bales. Receipts from
the plantations, 352,972 bales, Crop in

It was deemed inadvisable by the physicians to move Captain Epps from the floor. Heroic treatment was given him, and about 9 o'clock last night he railled somewhat, and was removed to his bed. At a late hour he was reported as being very much better, and his condition is not now considered to be alarming.

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT.

What the "Financier" Has to Say With Respect to It. NEW YORK, December 26.-The weekly tatementment of the Associated Banks

shows the following changes: Reserve, increase, \$1.665,175, Loans, increase, \$657,300. Specie, decrease, \$33,600, Legal tenders, increase, \$2,680,600. Deposits, increase, \$2,247,300. Circulation, decrease, \$37,100. The banks now hold \$34,309,900 in excess

The banks now hold \$34,309,900 in excess of the 24 per cent. required by law.
The New York Financier this week says: The statement of the Associated most any time, Mr. Lovenstein's business-days, and reflects, above everything class the lightest condition indicates.

mercial circles.

Despite the calls for currency from this Despite the calls for currency from this centre, which set in after the several large western fallures, the banks report an increase of \$1.50,000 in cash—the gain of \$2.500,000 in legal tenders having been offset by a decrease of \$483.600 in specie. There was an expansion of \$650.300 in loans, which, coming after the increase of \$2.512,000 for the week previous. the following statement regarding the ath of Mr. Lovenstein was known for some to have valvulas—heart-disease. It was attended by the usual comrated to raise rates on both call and time loans. As the loan increase of \$45,494,000 since November 7th has been made at constantly reduced quotations, the advance for the current week does not appear logical, although it is gene-

not appear logical, although it is generall thought that the firmer tone will show no relaxation until after the first of the year.

In the mean time, the excess of idle money in New York grows with every statement, the surplus reserve of \$31,395.900 now reported being the highest since September 7, 1895, excepting, of course, the several weeks preceding the February bond-loan, when the New York banks were accumulating specie. The conditions surrounding these two periods of high surplus, however, are largely different. On September 7, 1895, the loans of the New York banks were \$21,00,000 higher than at present, and the deposits higher than at present, and the deposits were \$51,000,000 greater. As a large pro-portion of the loans made by the New portion of the loans made by the New York banks since election have been on dependent in part on developments af-fecting the price of sterling, and a fur-ther strengthening in the price will doubtless tend toward maintaining better interest rates here. At any rate, there is reason to look for this result ng, although the accumulation of idle

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

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The averages show the following, compared with the last two years:

De. 25, '96. De. 28, '95. De. 29, '94.

Loans ...\$67,761,300 \$478,400,500 \$492,647,000

Specie ... 76,768,000 67,114,200 73,700,000

Logal ter

ders \$0,001,200 74,507,900 98,811,100

Net de
medias\$25,807,200 \$01,800,530 \$49,951,600

purits ... \$25.837.200 501,810,000 549.001,600 Ciriula tion 19,760,000 13,925,700 11,294,700 Total re-

serve ... 165,769,200 141,212,000 172,591,700 Reserve re-quired ... 131,459,300 125,272,225 137,322,859 serve 34,309,900 15,330,675 35,268,850

POSTAL AND PERSONAL

Notes of Interest from Washington-

Danville, to S. G. Proffit, of Floyd, for Fredericksburg, to J. C. Johnson for

Lynchburg, to J. A. Craft, of Louis

well understood here now that the name of Mr. Wilcox, to be postmaster a Rocky Mount, N. C., will be sent to the immediately after the reassem of the Senate as constituted at this

The nominations of presidential post-The nominations of pressonial post-masters for both the States of Virginia and North Carolina, are all referred to Senator Butler, of North Carolina, as the sub-committee, and while it is pro-bable that he will report faverachly on the recent recess appointments from Vir-sinia, the friends of the two appointees from his own State fear that their nomifrom his own state lear that their domi-nations will ornament the pigeon-holes of the Senator's committee-room until the adjournment of the present Congress, in which case their temperary commis-sions would expire, and the successor of Mr. Cleveland would certainly name other gentlemen for the positions they now occupy.

now occupy.

As usual during Christmas week there are few Virginia of North Carolina Visi-tors at the national capital. From the latter State however, we have Messrs. E. P. McKessick, of Asheville, and Eugene Sturgeon, formerly of this city, but at present Mayor of the thriving little city of Apex, in that State.

Movements of Warshins. WASHINGTON, December 3.—The cruiser Hennington joined the Marion at Jiquilisco, Salvador, on Christmas-Day, the two vessels having been ordered to make a careful survey of that harbor for The Minneapolis the correction of charts. The Minne arrived at Alexandretta yesterday. The Minneapolis

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 25.— Secretary Olney has declined an invitation to attend the "sound-money" banquet at Chicago January 8th, the diplomatic din-ner at the White House, January 7th, re-quiring his presence in this city at that time.

GENERAL LEE IN HABANA. He Says He Will Keep a Close Watch

On Affairs.

HABANA, December 25.—General Fitznugh Lee, Consul-General at Habana, hugh Lee, Consul-General at Habana, who has been absent in the United States on leave of absence from his post for about two months, arrived here this morning. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter. General Lee says he has returned to resume his du-ties as Consul-General. He says he has received no special instructions from his government, but will maintain a close watch of affairs, and will keep his government thoroughly posted in regard to the situation in Cuba and all further

Visible Cotton Supply.

NEW YORK, December 25.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 4,179,875 bales, of which 3,862,775 are Ameri-

IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SANT FEATURE OF CHRISTMAS.

ANNIVERSARY OF LEIGH STREET.

The Exercises of This School Largely Attended and of a Highly Interesting Character-Good Reports.

After the visit of Santa Claus, no other feature of Christmas week is looked forward to by the children with such eager interest and anticipation of joy as the annual celebrations of the Sunday schools that occur at this season.

Of course, this applies to the good boys and girls, and all of the Sunday-school pupils should belong to this class.

Nearly all of the Sunday schools have celebrations at Christmas, and, while they vary in character, Santa Claus attends nearly all of them, or is represented by some generous-hearted man, who is willing to take his place and distribute the confectioneries among the children.

Several of the Sunday schools have already given their entertainments; some will have interesting exercises this afternoon, and other celebrations will be dis-tributed through the week. The an-nouncements of these latter will be made

LEIGH-STREET'S ANNIVERSARY. The Sunday school of Leigh-Street Bap-tist church, which is one of the largest in the city, celebrated its forty-third anniversary Sunday morning, in connection niversary Sunday morning, in connection with its Christmas exercises. The attendance was large, and the occasion was one of exceptional interest. The church had been most artistically decorated, under the direction of two of the Sunday-school workers. The pulpit was set with cedar and holly, and the date of the organization of the school was displayed in large figures. The following programme was well executed, the singing being especially good:

Prayer, Branch R. Allen. Song, "Happy Christmus-Day" (No. in the Carol), school and choir.

 Scripture reading.
 Song, "Glory to God in the Highest," Reading reports.

 Collection, during which the choir will sing, "The Song; It Is Glory."
 Recitation, "A Yankes in Love," John Eggleston,

Song, Auid Lang Syne" (No. 154, in Carol), school and choir. Santa Claus appears with the candy. Santa Claus was Willie Gary, and the representation was a most excellent one.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR. The report of the secretary made a most gratifying exhibit for the school n the year just closed. It contained the following figures:

officers on roll, 21; average attendance, 5; percentage, 85.7. Male teachers on roll, 26; average at-

Male teachers on roll, 26; average attendance, 22.5; percentage, 83.

Formale teachers on roll, 40; average attendance, 22.5; percentage, 71.

Scholars on roll (male), 32; average attendance, 23.5; percentage, 74; female, 23; average attendance, 23.5; percentage, 68.

Average attendance, 23.5; percentage, 68.

Average attendance officers and teachers, 50; percentage, 80; average attendance scholars, 467; percentage, 70.

Church members on roll, 1.015; church members in school, 375; percentage, 37.

Largest attendance, March 1st—82 officers and 609 scholars.

Largest attendance, March 181-82 omcers and 609 scholars.
Smallest attendance, August 9th.-44
officers and teachers, 315 scholars.
The class of Mrs. A. A. Hasker, percentage, 199, 29 Sundays; the class of
A. C. Goode, percentage, 199; 19 Sundays,
New scholars reported during year, 165. Baptisms reported during year, 14. Prosent every Sunday during the year, Tenchers-George A. Goode, Henry Ma-son (third year); Female scholars-Misses

Mail-Wagon Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 26.—
(Special.)—Contracts for mail service by Gracle Atkinson (second year); Kate Gracle Atkinson (second year); Kate Fleet, Lula Gooch, Beride Jones, Belle Fleet, Lula Gooch, Beride Jones, Belle Manne, Leber (second year); Maud Mahone, Male Walker, Male scholars present every Sunday-Edgar Blackburn, Walter Leciaire, Oille Liggan, Arthur Mull; Harvey Gates (second year); James Gates (second year); Harvey Richardsoa (second year); L. B. Smith, Henry Pitt; Bennie Traylor (third year).

OTHER CELEBRATIONS. The infant-class of St. James Metho-dist church, in charge of Mrs. Virgie Pleasants and Mr. H. M. Meredith, had

Pleasants and Mr. H. M. Meredith, had its Christmas celebration Sunday afternoon. The exercises consisted of recitations and songs by the little people, at the conclusion of which the ship
"Good Tidings" hove in sight loaded down with candles, nuts, and fruits. The pleasure of the children was in every way commensurate with the preparations made for their enjoyment.

Howard's-Grove Baptist Sunday-school held its celebration Christmas night, and the occasion was one of happiness to

school who attended.

CARS RUN AGAIN IN BOSTON.

Many of Them by New Men-Bitter ness Against Union Leaders.

BOSTON, December 26.-Cars were run ning without interruption on all lines of the West-End street railway to-day, Many of them were run by new men, however.
On some of the divisions all the strikers were given to understand that they would have to be rehired in order to get the opportunity of taking out cars, while on other divisions the old men were allowed other divisions the old men were anowed to take out their cars if they presented themselves at the car-house on time. But it was evident that the company intend to get rid of the men who were active in the strike. Some were not allowed to take our cars at all, while those who ran out on their regular trips early in the day were replaced in many instances by men later. The new men were given different badges from those worn by old men, and this was regarded as an indication that the company would replace most of the strikers with new men as soon as

There is a good deal of bitter feeling There is a good deal of bitter feeling among the men against the leaders of the union. Some of them feel that the council bungled the whole matter so badly that it amounted to a virtual betrayal of the union into the hands of the company, and upon some of the divisions the feeling was particularly bitter against President Young, who has been at the head of the council. They instance his conflicting orders, leaving them in doubt as to whether the strike was to be considered on or off and declare he is incapable of whether the strike was to be considered on or off, and declare he is incapable of managing the affairs of the union, and they will not consider themselves bound by any action of his in future.

The West-End Railway Company is un-derstood to have discharged all the mem-hers of the Conference Computier. The

pers of the Conference Committee. discharged men will attempt to make ar-rangements for an indignation meeting to-night in Faneuil Hall. One of the discharged leaders said that the union was practically dead.

LYNCHING IN KENTUCKY. Sixth in the State in as Many Days.

OWENSBORO', KY., December 26.-Al fred Holt (colored) alias Alexander, the murderer of Police-Officer W. A. White, was taken from jail by a mob at 2:30 o'clock this morning and hanged to a tree in the court-house yard. This is Kentucky's sixth lynching in as many

days.

About 2:15 o'clock two men knocked at the jail-door, and, in response to a ques-

tion from Deputy-Jatier John Ashbey, Jr., said they had a prisoner they wished to lock up for safe-keeping. Thus thrown off his guard, young Ashbey obened the door, only to face two big revolvers. He was overpowered before he could utter a cry, and the keys were taken from him. At a signal from the two men, thirty or forty others poured into the jath from the darkness, and, proceeding up-stairs, several of the mob head the jaths. John Ashbey. Sr., captive, while two others moved on to the cell, where Holt and five other negroes implicated with him were asleep. They were not aroused from their beds until the keys rattled in the keyhole. They pleaded for mercy. WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 26 .-

from their beds until the keys ratted in the keyhole. They pleaded for mercy. The lender said Holt was the guilty man, and he alone was wanted. Pleading for his life, Holt was taken out of jail, and through the court-house yard to the east side, facing the Rudd House. He was given ample time to pray, when a rope was placed about his neck, and in ten minutes he had been stranged to death. strangled to death.

The mob was so quiet that not over ten outsiders knew anything of the lynching. Holt had been brought here only a few days ago from Louisville, where he was taken for safe-keeping.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK,

Southern Railway Report-Immigration-Mining-Wood-Working.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 26 .-Vice-President W. W. Finlay, of the Southern Railway Company, bas given to the Manufacturers' Record a general summary of the business outlook for the country tributary to the Southern rail-

country tributary to the Southern rail-way, which practically embraces every-thing from Washington to the Missis-sippl river. Mr. Finlay says:

The business outlook in the regions traversed by the Southern railway was never more promising than at the pres-ent time. The tide of desirable immi-gration, coming from all portions of the North and Northwest, as well as from Europe, has been, and continues to be, steadily on the increase. This steady growth of population has been systema-tized along conservative business lines. growth of population has been systema-tized along conservative business lines. Many industrious colonies have been lo-cated, and many more will be, composed of homogeneous people, who are work-ing together in harmony, and are reap-ing the rewards of inbor, judiciously di-rected.

New mines have been opened, and old New mines have been opened, and old ones rejuvenated by better systems and increased capital; and the iron industry has entered upon a new and vigorous career of prosperity, developing a trade with foreign countries, which has assumed large proportions. New developments are going on in the gold-mining industry, and the primitive methods of the primitive miner, with his crude devices for gathering the precious metal, have been superseded by the latest and most approved scientific modes known to the mining world, and promise the best the mining world, and promise the best

wood-working establishments of the South are making good progress, are growing stronger, and are steadily widening the area of their work, with the prime facilities they possess for turn-ing out their work at the minimum cost. Cotton and woollen industries are all in a flourishing condition, and are daily are donormanic consistent and are con-atantly being strengthened by accessions of capital and skill. New lines of work are being introduced and old ones im-proved by better machinery and en-

anced still.

Lines of travel by rall and water are being extended, and those stready es-tablished improved so as to fully keep abreast of the demands made upon them by the increasing volume of business. The marked increase in diversified farmthe marked increase in deverance farming, through which is Sachi is now raising many of its sachies, which it formerly purchased from other sections, is exerting a healthful influence upon all classes, as well as largely adding to the wealth and prosperity of all branches of extenditure.

Upon the whole, the outlook for in-creased prosperity in the South was never better than at present.

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

Judge Prior Rejects an Alleged Aggression Upon it. NEW YORK, December 26.—Judge

York, for a certificate of incorporation. In refusing the certificate Justice Prior

In the certificate submitted to me observe that the annual meeting of the proposed corporation is appointed to be held on each and every second Sanday of January of each and every year. It is not a religious corporation, and its annual meetings are for the performance of

ings are filegal, but whether they should be approved. The act intended is an aggression upon the Christian Sabbath, and the law which scrupulously protects the applicants in the observances of their creed gives them no license to affront the

THREE PERSONS DROWNED. Caught in a Snow-Storm on the St. Lawrence.

CLAYTON, N. Y. December 26 .- Early esterday afternoon, Edward C. Rogers, uperintendent of Calumet Island, oppo superintendent of Calumet Island, oppo-site Clayton, the summer residence of Charles G. Emery, of New York, accom-panied by his young son, Frank, and Miss Minerva Robbins, left Calumet Island in an Ice-punt for Grindstone Island, where Miss Robbins resides. A squall and snow-storm came up while they were crossing, hiding them from view. They were not seen again, and, as they did not rough Grindstone.

view. They were not seen again, and, as they did not reach Grindstone, it is feared that their boat was capsized and that they were drowned. The river was full of drifting ice.

A search was begun this morning, and resulted in the finding of the empty punt, with the muff of Miss Robbins in it. No weath is now contributed as to their oubt is now entertained as to their

Mr. Rogers leaves a widow and two

DEBS GOING TO COLORADO. He Will Help the Leadville Strikers. Speeches.

TERRE, HAUTE, IND., December 26 .-It is announced that Eugene Debs will go to Colorado at once to help the Leadgo to Colorado at once to help the Lead-ville strikers. He will speak in Colo-rado cities, beginning in Leadville, where there is to be a big demonstration on his arrival. President Boyce, of the Western Miners' Federation, who stopped here on his way home from the convention of the American Federa-tion of Labor, says public sentiment is still with the 3,009 men who went on strike against a reduction of 50 cents a strike against a reduction of 50 cents a day below the Colorado scale, and that the men can hold out indefinitely, as the miners in other places are contributing to their support.

DEATH FROM HYDROPHOBIA. One of the Baltimore Boys Treated in New York the Victim.

BALTIMORE. December 26.—Conrad Eppers, aged 15, one of the eight boys bitten by a mad-dor December 1st, and treated at the Past-ar Institute, in New York, died of hydrophobia at midnight at his home, in Woodberry. Eppers returned from New York a week ago last Weanesday, and it was thought he was cured, as his wounds, which were on the back of his neck, had healed nicely. Several days ago he became nervous and the back of his neck, had neared mery several days ago he became nervous and despondent, and unmistakable symptoms of rabies became apparent. His physicians were with him almost constantly to the last, but could do nothing to re-

HOW THE GREAT FESTIVAL PASS-

ED OFF.

The Small Boys' Fun-Kept Oper Doors-A Family Regulon-A Plea sant Ten-Personal Notes-A Fire-

(Special.)-Christmas passed off here very quietly, no disturbance of any kind being reported. The custom of firing guns all over town Christmas-Eve and Christmas morning was prohibited by the Mayor, but the small boy was made happy by the explosion of his firecrackers and the free use of his tin horn. Our merchants report a fine trade, not only on Christmas-Eve, but for a week preceding the holldays, and consequently their faces are wreathed in smiles. The celebration this year by the "Regu-

lars" was unusually quiet. The portly doors of this club-room were swung but only a few of the members and their friends gathered around the festive board. upon which was placed the time-honored bowl of eggnog. The club kept open doors at their rooms on the suburbs. FAMILY REUNION.

FAMILY REUNION.

A delightful family reunion took place yesterday at the beautiful residence of Captain L. W. Lane, on Waller street. Among those who partook of the hospitalities were: Mr. and Mrs. Barthurst D. Peachy, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Denmead, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr., and Mrs. Edwin T. Lamb, now residing in Nortolk. Mr. Lamb was unable to be present. Mrs. Lamb returned home on the evening train to attend a dinner given by Mr. Lamb to several or his friends. his friends.

his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Topham had with them at their charming home all of their children, the first time in ten years. Those present were: Mr. Robert Topham, of New York, Mr. John Topham, of Atlanta, Mrs. S. R. Richards, with her husband and children, from Pinner's Point; Mr. C. P. Perry, Richmond, and Miss Bettle

C. P. Perry, Richmond, and Miss Bettle Owens, Manchester.
Misses Lucy and Mary Stubbs to-day gave an afternoon tea to their lady friends. It was very much enjoyed. Among those present were: Misses Ida and Catherine Henly, Misses Julia and Lizzle Tyler, Misses Martha and Mary Spencer, Miss Harriet Hankins, Misses Mary and Bettle Gall, Miss Garbett Sweeney, Miss Sue Hundley, Miss Bessie Galt, of Maryland, and Miss Floyd Alvey, of Richmond.

Moses Coyt Tyler, professor of Dr. Moses Coyt Tyler, professor of American history in Cornell University, after delivering an address before the Virginia Historical Society, in Richmond. virginia Historical Society, in Richmond, visitod here, the guest of President Lyon G. Tyler. President Tyler gave a dinner in his honor, at which were present as invited guests Professor Thomas J. Stubbs, Professor J. Leslie Hall, and Mr. Charles Coleman. Dr. Tyler is much interested in the early history of Virginia, and will visit here again, when he will and will visit here again, when he will have more time to look around. While here he drove over to Jamestown and Green Spring, the home of Sir William

Berkley.
Professor and Mrs. J. Elliott Gilpin will arrive Tuesday morning to visit the many places of interest here and in this vicini-ty. Professor Gilpin is connected with Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, an our leading cluzens. Mrs. Glipin is cousin of the late Robert Saunders, at one time president of William and Mary Col ege and for several terms stayor of our

Charles H. Bovee, of Cold Water, Mich., general excursion agent of the Chesa-peake and Obio Company, left yesterday

Prior, in the Supreme Court to-day, denied the application of the Agudath Hakehiloth a Hebrew organization of New children and his sister, Miss Julia Armitothe istend, went down to Hampton yesterday morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Holt. Miss Nina Tucker, from the Miller Manuel School, Albemarle, is here visiting

her sister, Mrs. Lyon Tyler.

Professor Hugh S. Bird, of the college faculty, left yesterskay for his former home, in Petersburg, to visit his parents.

Mr. Edloe Morecock and Mr. H. L. Hundley, inspectors in the Newport News custom-house, are here spending the holi-

days with their families.

Mr. W. G. Harrison, of Americus, Ga.,
division roadmaster of the Georgia and
Alabama road, who has been on a visit to als mother Mrs. Lizzie Harrison, left for home this morning.
Lee on the neighboring ponds is about 21-2 inches thick, and crowds were out all day to-day and Christmas-Day enjoy-

ng the fine skating. No one is

ce as yet, but many expect to fill later in the winter.

It is stated that the residence and lot It is stated that the residence and toof the late W. W. Vest, on lower Main street, has been purchased by Mr. Arthur Denmead, lete of Baltimore, now residing here, for \$3,500 cash. The building will be thoroughly ovehauled. The brick walls on Main street around the yard and flower garden will be torn down and a hand-sens teen fence put up.

garden will be torn down and a handsome iron fence put up.

The remains of Miss Leola Frazier, who
died in Norfolk, were brought here Christmas morning and buried in Cedar Grove
Cemetery. Deceased was in her 20th year,
and is well remembered here, being related to Mr. George E. Beale, of this
town, with whom she resided before removing to Norfolk a few years ago.

A fire yesterday bally damaged the
residence of Captain Ed. Maynard, at
Bigelows. He is insured in the Virginia
Fire and Marine, of Richmond. Their
agent is there to-day making an examination of the building to ascertain the
amount of damage.

SOUTH BOSTON.

A Small Residence Burned-Accident to Small Boys. SOUTH BOSTON, VA., December 26.

(Special.)-Yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock, the fire bell was heard, and it was soon discovered that the fire was in small tenement house at "East End," occupied by Mr. Simmons. The family was absent at the time the fire was dis-covered. The house was a frame buildcovered. The house was a frame build-ing and was quickly consumed by the

A dozen or more small boys a dozen or more small boys were having their fun riding in a vehicle down Main street, when a too-sudden turn emptied them on the pavement. The tittle son Hon. R. R. Noblin was run over by the wheels and painfully, but to said with the son that the said was the sai over by the wheels and parenty, one seriously hurt. Master Owen Easiey fell on his head, and was insensible for some time. Both are now improving. Except for the tin horns and fire-rackers—which were not as much in evidence yesterday as usual—it was a remarkable color. Christmas. Day. et Christmas-Day.

Rev. J. B. Dunn, rector of Tr.nity Epla-copal church, held services at 11:30. There copal church, held services at 11:39. There were no services at any of the other churches.

The resident ministers were the recipients of many and useful presents. Rev. J. W. Wildman, pastor of the Baptist church, received an elegant phaeton. This is the handsomest present yet made

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The reports of the condition of the Reach of Court Beaton and the Planters.

and Merchants' Bank, show that they are in the hands of skilful business-men. Whilat the "advance agent of pros-perity" is slow in making by appearance, business-men are looking forward hope-fully to the dawn of brighter and more

prosperous days.

Miss Janie Ragiand, of Hyco, is visiting friends in Green county, Va.

Miss Hallie Easley is spending the holidays with Miss Ruth Horseley, in Nelson

Messrs. H. C. Hudson, H. P. Carring Messis. H. C. Hudson, H. P. Carrington, and A. B. Willingham, Jr., Halifax gentlemen, who are engaged in the tobacco business at Goldsboro', N. C., are spending Christmas at their homes.

Mr. H. J. Watkins, of Maybeary, W. Va., is visiting his parents.

Misses Laura Stebbins and Lottle Morton, punils at Peace Institute, Raleigh, are at home for the holidays.

A Very Successful Entertainment-A Fire-Personal.

SUFFOLK, VA., December 26 .- (Special.)-The event of the holiday season took place at the City Hall Christmas night, when the opera of the "Tyrolean Queen" was rendered by a large number of the finest singers of Saffolk, including the youth and beauty of our social circles. The leading roles were taken by Miss Marion Estelle Freeny and Miss Lalu M. Cutchin, of Suffolk, and Mrs. John Boeth, of Oxford, N. C., while there were choruses of some fifty or sixty voices. The opera is very pretty, and was well rendered in all its parts, many of the scenes being unique and picturesque in the extreme, representing Tyroleans is their varicolored costumes and peaked hats; dark-eyed gypsies with their flowing hair and gaudy trappings, and whiterobed spirituelle-looking fairles. The entertainment was a grand success, both artistically and financially. It was given for the benefit of the organ fund of the Presbyterian church. Queen" was rendered by a large number Presbyterian church.

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After the conclusion of the above opera
a number of young men gave a sociable
at the residence of Mrs. John M. Shepherd, on Hall avenue, which was attended by some fifty or sixty young ladles and gentlemen. The menu embraced the lead-ing delicacles of the season, which were enjoyed with a zest by the happy crowd.

About 2 o'clock this morning a dwelling on the eastern suburbs was burned, the occupants barely escaping with their lives. Mr. Samuel J. Dennis and wife, of New York city, are spending the holidays with relatives in Suffolk.

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Miss Minna Dunlap, of Baltimore; Miss Lemme Jordan, of Henderson, N. C., and Misses Mary and Helen Temple, of Prince George county, are guests of Mrs. John B. Pinner, on Brooklyn Heights.

Miss Margaret Prentis, of St. Louis, is visiting her cousin, Miss Susie Prentis, of St. 1981.

Suffolk.

Professor P. J. Kernodle, a member of the faculty of the Smithdeal Business College, Richmond, spent Christmas with relatives in Suffolk.

Messrs, Edgar Applewhite and Henry Eley, who have been pursuing their professional studies in Baltimore, are at been for the helidays. home for the holldays.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The services at the Main-Street Metho-list church to-morrow will be of a Christmas character. The pastor, Rev. H. C. Cheatham, will preach on "The Angels' Song," and the choir will render music Song," and the choir will render music appropriate to the occasions Misses Edith and Blanche Cheatham and Hartle Parker, of the Woman's Col-lege, Lynchburg, are spending the holi-days with their parents, in Suffolk.

Died on Christmas-Day-Frightful

Stabbing Affair. LYNCHBURG, VA., December 26.— (Special.)—Mrs. Mary Virginia Humphries, wife of John A. Humphries, died at her home in this city on Christmas-Day. She was at one time a resident of Alexgeneral excursion agent of the Chesapeake and Obio Company, left yesterday
for the West after a stay here of several
days.

Mr. Clarence Tettel and Mr. Allen
Keets, of Adair, Mich., are here for the
purpose of putting in a large brick plant
on the King's Mill farm, which is being
laid off into town lots, a number of which
have been courseast by westerness.

Broader (white), and Thomas Early, a colored preacher. Early was fearfully wounded, but is expected to recover.

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The trouble started in a bar-room, where hard words resulted in a general row, in the course of which the colored preacher struck young Breader on the side of the head. By the interference of several persons the combatants were separated, but Broader swore that he would have venceance, and he, shortly would have vengeance, and he, shortly after Early left the saloon, followed with a knife in his hands. When the street was reached Broader jumped on Early's back and began slashing at him with the knife at a fearful rate. Early, who is a snall man and in feeble health, ed in a pitiful manner, and at tempted to escape. His assailant, how-ever, clung to his back, plunging the knife again and again into the negro's body,

POLICE RECOVERED IT.

Tobacco That Had Been Traded for

Stolen Property. PETERSBURG, VA., December 28.—
(Special.)—Lieutenant Chandler and Officer Hall to-night received about 25pounds of tobucco, which a man by the
name of W. A. Fox, traded a stolen pair
of horses and a buggy for with Ivie &
Brother, tobacconists of Leaksville, N.
C., some time during last November. Fox was subsequently captured in Nor-folk and sent to North Carolina for trial. When he traded with Ivie & Brothers, he had the tobacco shipped to this city he had the tobacco shipped to this city to J. O. Brown, and as soon as the Messrs. Ivie found out that they had traded for stolen property they at once wrote to the police authorities in his city in regard to the recovery of their tobacco. A search was at once made and the police found out that the tobacco had been received in the city, and signed for by J. O. Brown. To-night they found the tobacco had been left at the store of Mr. Thomas Payne, a huckster, for safe-keeping, by Brown, huckster, for safe-keeping, by Brown, who said if he did not come back Mr.

for himself. MARK HANNA NOT ILL.

Reports to the Contrary Notwithstanding-His Southern Sojourns. CLEVELAND, O., December M.—The rumor that Mark Hanna is ill and will go to Thomasville, Ga., to recuperate go to Thomasville, Ga., to recuperate, is untrue. Mr. Hanna usually spends some time every winter at Thomasville, but has made no plans thus far this winter to go South. He will leave Cleveland for Chicago on the evening of January 16th, to be present at the ban-quet of the Hamilton Club, January 11th. He will return to Cleveland, and some

time during the month will probably make another trip to Washington. He has no definite plans for going South.

Death of Prof. Leo Whent's Mother, SALISBURY, N. C., December 25,-(Special.)—Mrs. Selina Roberdean Wheat die cial.)—Mrs. Selina Roberdean Wheat died night before last, and was buried here to-day by the side of her husband, from St. Lake's Episcopal church. She was the daughter of General Roberdean of Revo-lutionary war fame, and was born in Alexandria, Va. in 1805, and married Rev. John Thomas Wheat in 1825. She was the mother of Major Roberdean Wheat, of the Louising Theres Capitain John Thomas church, received an elegant phaeton, This is the handsomest present yet made to any minister in the county.

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The reports of the condition of the Bank of South Boston, and the Planters' settlement.

CHRISTMAS ABROAD.

HARD TIMES, BUT MUCH PRACTS CAL CHARTEY IN BERLIN.

GERMAN IMPERIAL ENJOYMENT.

Children-Army Scoret Divulged-Tolstpl to Be Excommunicated-

New Telegraph Cables.

BERLIN, December 26.-The Christmas holidays this year have been very much duller than for many years past. The tradesmen have been greatly dissatisfied at the lack of holiday business, in comparison with other years, and the workingmen have been discontented at the slackness of work and the consequent scarcity of money with which to provide their families with the bare neessities of life, to say nothing of the purchase of Christmas goods. Added to this state of affairs, the damp, raw weather, which has prevailed for the last few days, and still endures, has had a dispiriting effect upon everybody, the absence of the old-lime, crisp frosts at Christmastide having deprived the period of its usual glow of festivity. Last Christmas the tradesmen complained of bad business, but the social agree in declaring that this year it is far worse. It claims that this year it is far worse. It is not a lack of attractive inducements that rotards shoppers from buying. There was never a better dealay in the shop-windows; nor was there ever so tasteful an arrangement of holiday good, under the brilliancy of electric-lights, or a more elaborate drapery of the stores. Nevertheless, the jewellers and all other tradesman, who were relying upon rean-Nevertheless, the jewellers and all other tradesman, who were relying upon reaping a harvest through their Christmas sales, are complaining bitterly of their inability to do a satisfactory or even a moderate degree of business; and it is only the cheaper toy-shops and storedealing in fancy articles that are doing any business at all.

Though less money has been spent in the purchase of Christmas presents, however, a great deal more than usual has been bestowed upon the absolutely destitute classes. In addition to those al-

been beytowed upon the absolutely destitute classes. In addition to those already axisting, two night refuges were
opened on Christmas-Eve, where yesterday food and clothing were distributed
to hundreds of distressed persons. The
number of bazaars in behalf of various
charities have also been increased, and
house-to-house collections to aid poor
children have been made. In consequence of this increase in charitable work,
there were general Christmas treats of
dinners at the asylums, prisons, casual
whirds, goup-kitchens, donations to hospitals, etc., to a decree of beneficence
beyond precedent. The donations exceeded ail previous years in respect of
abundance, too, and the charities to
which they were devoted were much
wider in scope.

IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD.

The Emperor's two eldest sons—Crown-

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IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD.

The Emperor's two eldest sone-Crown-Prince William and Prince Eitel Frederick-arryyed at the new palace, at Potsdam, Tuesday, from Pleen Collega, where they are pursuing their studies, for the purpose of enjoying the holidays with their parents. On Christmas-Eve the imperial family and the servants of their household assembled in the ante-room of the apartments of the Empress, where the Empress and her chidren presented the domestics belonging to the household with gifts. The Emperor and Empress, with the whole court, and the Prince and Princess, of Schaumburg-Lippe, then dined in the Marble Hall of the palace.

At 5 P. M. the Christmas-trees were lighted, and the presents dispinyed in the grotto of the salon. Conspicuous lighted, and the presents displayed in the grotto of the salon. Conspicuous upon the Emperor's table was an in-mense silver goblet and a carved clock five feet high, from the Grand Duchess of Baden, the Emperor's aunt. The Im-perial children ran about the salon in high giee, showing the members of the

court the presents they had received.

The Empress Frederick is spending the Christmas helidays with her son, Prince Henry, of Prussia, and his wife,

Princess Irene, at Kiel.

ARMY AFFAIRS.

There is high authority for stating that the War office is undecided whether or not to present to the Reichstag a bill, asking for a very large increased credit for the augmentation of the artillery branch of the army at the present session of the legislative body. The government is anylous to seems a programment is anylous to seems a programment is anylous to seems an apportunity. sion of the legislative body. The government he anxious to secure an enormous credit for the purpose of carrying out its plans for the addition of new artillery, but there is no certainly that the present Reichstag will grant it.

General Von Gossier, Minister of War, in the course of a recent address to the Budget Committee of the Reichstag, in regard to a new gun which he described as being superior to the new French "Cane" quick-firing gun, asked the members of the commission to observe the strictest secreey concerning the gun. strictest secrecy concerning the gun. Some indiscreet member, however, dis-closed the whole plan of the gun, and the Budget Committee has begun a searching inquiry with the view of ascertaining which of its members has shown himself until to be trusted with the secrets

of the body. TOLSTOL Advices from St. Petersburg say that a sensation has been created there by the decision of the Holy Synod to excommunicate Count Lyof Tolstel, the Russian author, from the Orthodox Church upon the groupd that his works are calculated to and do undermine the Church. The synod was incited to this action by M. Pebedonostzoff, the Procureur-General of the Synod, who proposes to summon Count Tolstol before the synod for trial, which will involve his being destrived of his civil rights.

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NEW CABLES.

The marine cable has been completed from Emden, Prussia, to Vigo, Spain, which links the German telegraphic system with the South American and other systems, Capital has been furnished by an Anglo-German syndicate for the construction of the first section of a submarine cable between Germany and the United States, via. the Azores.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—
Forecast for Vuginia.—Fair, but partly cloudy weather; slight changes in temperature; northerly winds.
North Carolina and South Carolina.—Fair weather; light, variable winds. THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND

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